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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$1,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2023 community project funding for "Martha's Vineyard Airport Wastewater Treatment Facility & Collection System Upgrades" located in Vineyard Haven, MA. The entity to receive funding is Dukes County with offices located at 9 Airport Road, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568.

This project will improve the existing Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) at Martha's Vineyard Airport. The WWTF was originally constructed in the 1940s and renovated in the early 1990s, and is badly in need of upgrade and repairs. The airport employs over 1,400 people with over \$140.5 Million in goods and services generated annually by the airport and its associated activities and businesses. The airport business park is home to over 100 commercial and industrial businesses that are not compatible with the residential nature of the other areas of the Island and is one of the last remaining areas on the Island where commercial expansion is allowed.

This funding is a good use of taxpayer dollars because without these improvements, the WWTF is likely to exceed groundwater discharge permit limits from time to time, or experience overall failure leaving the Airport and its businesses without the ability to treat wastewater.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

William R. Keating Member of Congress